(c) whether Air-India authorities have taken any action against the erring staff; and

(d) What steps the Air India management have taken to avoid such negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) An old lady, who was accompanied by her brother, expired on board AI-III of 30-12-1990 on the sector Delhi-London. According to the information received, the lady was under treatment for liver cancer in Britain. There has been no negligence by Air India staff in the matter.

Increase in the prices of drugs

171. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the prices of Category I and II drugs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Price revisions in respect of Category I and Category II drugs are a regular feature and are allowed on the parameters provided under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Use of anti-lopsory vaccine

172. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICMR has allowed an unproven anti-leprosy vaccine to be tested on Indians;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian doctors have protested against this move; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) and (d) While some doctors have protested, by and large leprologists, medical scientists and members of the public have welcomed the trial. The field trial was initiated in Village Malaipattu by Justice Krishna Swamy, in the presence of several eminent leprologist and representatives of Public Health Directorate of Tamil Nadu.

Allocation of diesel for different States

173. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diesel allocation to different states has been curtailed as a result of Gulf War;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cut effected in respect of different States, State-wise;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to enhance the allotment of diesel to the State at least by 10,000 kilo litre per month; and

(d) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.